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SUBJECT:INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: OBSERVERS FOR
JAPANESE ANTARCTIC PELAGIC WHALING FLEET

REF: TOKYO 13484 AND TOKYO 13775

FOR REGFISHATT

1.U.S. DISAPPOINTED BY APPARENT CHANGE IN JAPANESE ATTITUDE
REGARDING PRESENCE OF U.S. OBSERVERS ABOARD WHALING
SHIPS. DURING MAY MEETINGS IN TOKYO OF ARON AND FOX WITH
NUMEROUS INDUSTRY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE U.S. VIEWS ON
WHALING THIS ISSUE WAS FIRST SURFACED. THE INVITATION FOR
OBSERVERS WAS ORIGINATED BY INDUSTRY MEMBERS TO DEMONSTRATE
THEIR GOOD FAITH IN FOLLOWING THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND
QUOTA RESTRICTIONS OF IWC. CONTENTION OF INDUSTRY WAS
CLEARLY STATED - THEY WOULD WELCOME U.S. OBSERVERS - THEY
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HAD NOTHING TO HIDE AND IN FACT WERE PROUD OF THEIR

OPERATIONS. THIS INVITATION WAS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.
PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS IT WAS HOPED WOULD HELP DISPEL

SUSPICION OF PRIVATE COMMUNITY. CHANGE IN POSITION,
HOWEVER, CAN ONLY HAVE OPPOSITE EFFECT AND PROMOTE EXTENSION
OF BOYCOTT.

2. U.S. WOULD HOPE THAT THE JAPANESE RECONSIDER THEIR
POSITION AND WELCOME APPROPRIATE OBSERVERS. WE CAN ASSURE
THAT THE OBSERVERS WILL BE BONA FIDE U.S. GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES AND THAT THEY WILL HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE AS
OBSERVERS OF COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS. UNLESS JAPAN
MODIFIES PRESENT POSITION, U.S. WILL NOT SEND OBSERVERS.
PRIME OBJECTIVE OF MISSION IS NOT RESEARCH, BUT OBSERVA-
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